

FOURTEENTH REPORT

OF THE

Board of Managers

OF THE

Halifax School for the Blind,

TOGETHER WITH THE

ACT OF INCORPORATION,

AND

Constitution and By-Laws.

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HALIFAX.

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# Halifax School for the Blind.

INCORPORATED IN THE YEAR 1867.

## MANAGERS AND OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTION.

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#### President.

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### House.

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W. H. NEAL,

GEORGE THOMSON,  
GEORGE MITCHELL,

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## OFFICERS.

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### Superintendent,

C. F. FRASER.

### Teachers.

LITERATURE—MISS MAGGIE McN. MACKENZIE.

MUSIC—C. F. FRASER.

### Trade Instructors.

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Attending Physician,  
DR. A. W. H. LINDSAY.

Ophthalmic Physician.  
DR. S. DODGE.

### Dental Surgeon.

DR. A. C. COGSWELL.

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VISITING DAY—WEDNESDAY, 3 P. M.

## Halifax School for the Blind.

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For the founding of this Institution a debt of gratitude is due by the people of this Province to the late WILLIAM MURDOCH, Esq., who died in London in 1863, having a few years previously taken up his residence there, after a long, useful, and successful life as a merchant in this city. In his will he bequeathed, in addition to the various other charities, the munificent sum of £5,000 N. S. Cy., toward the endowment of an Asylum for the Blind, on condition that a suitable building would be secured at a cost of not less than £3,000. An amount was raised by subscription shortly after his decease, sufficient for this purpose, and an eligible site having been procured gratuitously from the City on the South Common, arrangements were at once made, and a suitable brick building was erected, capable of accommodating about forty pupils.

As a Report of the Directors, lately submitted to the Annual Meeting, is annexed, it is unnecessary to make further remarks than to express the hope that the blessing of God may attend this Institution, and that it may do all the good that the benevolent founder had in view in his kindly endeavors to increase the happiness and usefulness of this hitherto neglected class of our fellow-beings in this Province.

HALIFAX, January. 1885.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
Board of Managers of the Institution for the Blind.  
NOW THE  
"HALIFAX SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND."  
1884.

It is fitting that in this, the Centennial year of Instruction of the Blind, our Halifax Institution should have received by Legislative investment the designation which was agreed upon by this Corporation at its last annual meeting, viz. : "The Halifax School for the Blind," by which name it now stands incorporated.—That any difficulties which may have militated against its standing by reason of its old name of "Asylum for the Blind," will in future be obviated, and we trust its mission will now be recognized and appreciated by large numbers of the class for which it was founded, and for whose education and instruction in useful occupation it has for many years been successfully carried on.

Since our last Annual Meeting the work of the school, music rooms and workshops has gone on steadily and without hindrances of any kind. Particulars of the several departments, their past, present and future, with their needs and wants, are fully set forth in the exhaustive reports of the Superintendent to which your Board would specially refer.

We would call attention to the fact that the education of the blind children of the Maritime Provinces is not confined to the walls of this building, for it will be seen by Mr. Fraser's report that he keeps a register of young blind persons within our constituency, and in a measure directs their home trainings with a view to their preparation for entering this institution, while in some cases admission has been obtained for

blind pupils to the Public Schools. This outside work should certainly entitle the Institution to a more extended recognition, and a more generous financial support from the public than it now enjoys.

While thankful for the measure of pecuniary support accorded in the past, the Board of Managers regret to express their apprehension of being unable to conduct the financial affairs for the future with satisfaction and safety, without a considerable addition to our income. Though the work at the "Halifax School for the Blind" is equal to that of more pretentious institutions elsewhere, it is accomplished at a considerably less cost than any similar one on this continent. It may be seen by the Treasurer's statement, that the nett receipts for the past year are less than those of the two previous years, while the expenditure of 1884 added to the unpaid account, exceeds that of 1883.

The following tabulated statements for the past three years shew the comparative results:—

#### RECEIPTS.

|      | No. of Pupils. | Int. and Dividends. | Government Grants, &c. | Legacies. | Donations | Sales and Fees. | Dep. Rec't. | Total.    |
|------|----------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|
| 1882 | 23             | \$1655.25           | \$2191.78              | \$1716.36 | \$385.73  | \$197.12        | \$800       | \$6945.64 |
| 1883 | 27             | 1599.40             | 2779.37                | 510.97    | 94.73     | 29.88           |             | 5014.35   |
| 1884 | 28             | 1391.98             | 2985.                  | 200.      | 265.58    | 88.07           | 400         | 5330.63   |

#### EXPENDITURES.

|      | House expenses and wages. | Salaries. | Repairs and alterations. | Grounds. | Instruction and prizes. | Acts. due. | Total.    |
|------|---------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|----------|-------------------------|------------|-----------|
| 1882 | \$2774.12                 | \$1067.50 | \$1949.13                | \$344.51 | \$530.80                |            | \$6666.06 |
| 1883 | 3291.59                   | 1100.00   | 434.27                   | 115.00   | 272.59                  |            | 5213.45   |
| 1884 | 3039.72                   | 1160.00   | 192.29                   | 45.50    | 439.25                  | \$400      | 5276.76   |

While our income from all sources was \$302 per pupil in 1882 it fell to \$185.69 and \$190 in 1883 and 1884 respectively. Investments are producing a lessened return, while our receipts from legacies have greatly fallen off. Were it not that the Provincial and Municipal grants shew an increase, and special donations are fairly liberal, the balance against us would be much more serious than it now is. Receipts from the several Provinces the past three years are as follows:—

|                    | 1882      | 1883    | 1884    |
|--------------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| Nova Scotia.....   | \$1241.78 | 2099.37 | 2185.75 |
| New Brunswick..... | 720.00    | 450.00  | 599.25  |
| P. E. Island.....  | 200.00    | 200.00  | 200.00  |

Your Board concurs in the suggestion of the Superintendent that the various Provinces should increase the amounts payable for pupils from the present grant of \$100 and \$120 to \$150, or an addition of \$30 each for the Pupils from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and of \$50 each for

the pupils from Prince Edward Island. The increase might easily in the case of Nova Scotia be divided between the counties and the provincial Treasury. The proposed additions to public grants though not nearly the cost to the School of each pupil will about enable the Board of Management to carry on the operations of the School without running into debt.

The expenditures are carefully scrutinized by the Board and no unnecessary outlay is indulged in, and yet to keep the Institution going we have been obliged to expend monies which should have properly been funded.

It is with pleasure your Board reports the assured success of the Loan Fund, the objects of which as stated in former reports being to furnish graduates with outfits to enable them to earn their living as Basket makers, Brush makers, or piano-forte tuners.

Last year the Board had to regret a season of more than usual illness, this year we are pleased to report a remarkable immunity from sickness of any kind and for which great blessing we desire to express our thankfulness to God.

The buildings and grounds are in good order, the latter yield a large part of the vegetables used in the school. As a guarantee of the permanency and stability of our Institution, we would state that we have valuable buildings and extensive grounds situated in a healthy locality. The cost of the buildings, workshops, &c., is about \$22,000, and the estimated value of furniture, pianos, appliances, books, &c., \$3,000, making a total of \$25,000, invested in the school in addition to the grounds.

The thanks of the Manager are due to Dr. A. W. H. Lindsay, the attending Physician, to Dr. Stephen Dodge the Ophthalmic Physician, and to Dr. A. C. Cogswell, Dental Surgeon, for their gratuitous services the past year.

In conclusion, the Board would bear testimony to the unwearied services of the Superintendent who has the full sympathy and confidence of all connected with the School. It is a continued source of pleasure to the Managers that Mr. Fraser is permitted to be increasingly useful to those to whom he has devoted his life work. Miss Maggie McKenzie, teacher of Literature, and Messrs. Baird and Nodwell, Trade Instructors, perform their duties to the satisfaction of the Board, and Mr. and Mrs. Blair, Steward and Matron, continue to attend to the wants of the large family entrusted to their care as in past years.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

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*To the President and Board of Managers of "The Halifax School for the Blind":—*

There are probably few men who fully realize to what extent the work in which they are engaged may ultimately expand. Little did the philosopher of Stageira imagine that the principles laid down by him, in the fourth century before Christ, would form the basis of the best works upon Logic, published two thousand years later. Little did the inventor of the steam-engine suppose that his discovery of an unknown power was destined to revolutionize the world, and so greatly advance its material progress.

Could the founder of the first school for the blind have foreseen the wonderful changes, which would be wrought in the methods of educating those deprived of sight, his benevolent heart would have been filled with gratitude to God; and he would have felt thankful that his labors would eventually be crowned with that success for which he so assiduously toiled. In the year 1784, Valentine Haüy, the great French Philanthropist, having been moved to pity by what he saw of the blind in the streets of Paris, conceived the idea of opening in that city a school for their instruction, and notwithstanding the difficulties with which their education was beset, he persevered in his self-imposed task; and in time was permitted to gather the first fruits of his labors. As a director of an institution, Haüy did not prove a success, but to his inventive genius, and untiring interest in the education of his pupils, the blind are indebted for the introduction of books printed in raised characters readily sensible to the touch. The work which was commenced by this apostle of the blind, is now being carried forward by thousands of willing workers in all parts of the civilized world, who, while looking back with satisfaction at what has already been accomplished in the past, have faith to believe that the future has in store for them a still greater measure of success.

This being the Centennial year of the establishment of the first school for the blind, I have thought it advisable to thus briefly note the fact by using it as a preface to my customary annual report, which is herewith submitted:—

|                                       | Boys. | Girls. | Total. |
|---------------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| Pupils registered Dec. 1st. 1883..... | 18    | 9      | 27     |
| Entered during the year .....         | 1     | 2      | 3      |
| “ Adults, Workmen .....               | 1     | 0      | 1      |
| Graduated, or remained at home.....   | 3     | 0      | 3      |
| Pupils registered Dec. 1st. 1884..... | 17    | 11     | 28     |

#### LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

We have experienced, in common with all similar schools, the difficulties which arise from the necessity of employing several distinct styles of print, each of which possesses particular merits of its own. The pupils in the public schools use the same primers and text-books, and are taught to read from the same series of readers; those who are near-sighted, and those possessing quick vision, using a common print. With the blind it is different. Some can be taught to read only from large characters, while others can learn from letters of much smaller dimensions. Again, some are obliged to use the books printed in the larger type as a stepping-stone to those printed in smaller letters; but the child has a double difficulty with which to contend, since the larger and smaller letters form distinct alphabets, having no more relation to each other, than the old and new styles in ordinary print.

This difficulty could readily be obviated by abandoning the ordinary lined characters, and substituting point print; but it will probably be many years before the inventors and advocates of the respective systems now in use, will realize that the present lack of uniformity places unnecessary obstacles in the way of the student, and renders the work of the teacher doubly hard.

For many years I have kept a register of the names of the young blind persons, throughout the Maritime Provinces, under the age at which they could be admitted to the school. By means of this register I have been enabled, in a measure, to direct the home-training of these children before they entered the institution; and in several instances have obtained for them admission to the public schools; thus giving them a preparation for their regular school life, the advantages of which cannot well be overestimated. My thanks are due to the teachers, who have without exception, willingly seconded my efforts to have these children trained; and I feel confident that when the time arrives for calling upon their co-laborers, in other parts of the country, I will ever find hands willing and ready to hold up the candle of knowledge before these little ones, so that its heat if not its light may be enjoyed by them.

The clergy and physicians throughout the Maritime Provinces would greatly aid in the good work if they would kindly forward me the names and Post-Office addresses of any blind children they may happen to know.

The regular work in our school department has been steadily and systematically carried on, and the results are, in the main, satisfactory and encouraging.

## MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

The work in our Musical department has been greatly facilitated by the purchase and importation of a large additional stock of music printed in raised characters, which has proved most useful, being a saving in time, labour, and money, obviating as it does, the necessity of employing a music reader with sight. This music which is published by the Kentucky Printing House for the Blind, is less costly than ordinary sheet music, and what is still more important, the selections which have been made display taste and judgment, including as they do the works of standard composers. The enterprise of this printing house deserves the support and encouragement of the educators of the blind in every school on the Continent.

It is with no small satisfaction that we refer to the fact that Messrs. Chisholm and McLearn, two of our most successful graduates, have gone to Germany to complete their musical studies. These gentlemen practised their profession in this Province with gratifying success, and were enabled through their own industry to obtain the necessary means to defray their expenses while abroad. They have been admitted to one of the most celebrated Conservatories of Music in Berlin, and it is gratifying to state that their piano playing elicited the hearty ecomiums of their German masters, and was emphatically pronounced to be good.

Within the Institution the work of instruction in music has engaged my careful attention, and I am pleased to say that it has met with no let or hindrance, saving such as have arisen from the lack of means to purchase new practising and tuning pianos. The need of these additional instruments is most urgent, and their want has taught me to appreciate with double force the position of the Israelites when called upon to make bricks without straw.

It has occurred to me that many persons in the city owning pianos for which they have no prospective use, would, if they realized their necessity in this school, be willing to present or bequeath the same to the Institution.

At all events, I think it well to give publicity to this idea since its suggestion may induce some of those, who read this report, to act upon it at an early date, and thus materially assist us in carrying on a noble and successful work.

*Pupils receiving instruction in Music.*

|                                         |    |
|-----------------------------------------|----|
| Piano-forte .....                       | 20 |
| Cabinet organ .....                     | 3  |
| Musical Notation, in point system ..... | 6  |
| “ “ “ staff “ .....                     | 8  |
| Vocal music—Choir .....                 | 19 |
| Piano tuning .....                      | 5  |

## WORK DEPARTMENT.

Notwithstanding the somewhat excessive cost of this department during the past two years, as compared with previous years. I have reason to believe that the outlay will ultimately prove a good investment for the Institution, as it will certainly place us in a far better position to prepare our pupils for the business of life.

The cost of introducing a new trade, such as that of the manufacture of willow-work, has been a heavy drain upon our already meagre resources; but we have faith to believe that the public will second our enterprise and aid us in improving the efficiency of each department of the school.

It would be unwise, under the existing circumstances, to make any positive statement as to the wage earning capacity of those who will in time graduate as willow workers from this department; but up to the present time has confirmed us in the opinion previously expressed, which was to the effect that no trade offers to the industrial blind a more certain means of obtaining a livelihood than does the manufacture of willow baskets, chairs, and other articles. The work so far produced has found a ready sale, and has given entire satisfaction to our customers. Mr. Nodwell, the trade instructor, has been attentive and diligent, and his pupils have made satisfactory progress.

We would respectfully call the attention of the public to our large assortment of willow-baskets, which will be found superior to anything of the kind now in the market, both as to the quality of the material and the perfection of the workmanship. The cane-seating department, under the control of D. A. Baird has been efficiently managed, and the quality of the work performed, has elicited the praise of several of the wholesale furniture dealers.

Our girl's work department, under the management of Miss McKenzie has been carried on faithfully and systematically. Sewing, knitting, and the use of the knitting machine have received special attention, and I feel confident that the instruction given is of such a character as to prove a lasting benefit to the pupils.

## HEALTH.

We have great reason to feel thankful to a kind Providence in that we have been preserved in our school from infectious disease, sickness, and death; the past year having been remarkable in this respect. No doubt the excellent sanitary condition of the Institution, the wholesome diet, and the regular and systematic exercise in the gymnasium, and in the open air have greatly improved the physical condition of our pupils, thus rendering them less liable to ill health and increasing their power of endurance.

## LOAN FUND.

At the date of our last report the contributions towards the loan fund aggregated \$716.10, since which time \$195.72 have been added, making the total received to date, \$911.82. In September last I sent out twenty-five collecting cards to young ladies residing in different parts of the Maritime Provinces, with the request that they should each collect \$10.00 towards the fund. The responses to these were most gratifying. From many I received an excess, and from others double the amount of the sum named; while from those who have not yet sent in their returns, I have received assurances that contributions would be forwarded in a few weeks, which will virtually complete the loan fund, the total amount of which we previously placed at \$1000.

This fund has been derived from such a variety of sources that it will be impossible for us to particularize in expressing our thanks to those who have aided in its formation. I cannot forbear, however, from penning a grateful acknowledgement to the young ladies, who, by their timely assistance have enabled us to complete the fund at this early date. The management of this fund will devolve upon the President of the Board and the Superintendent of the school, and the disbursements will be made with a due regard to the wants of the graduates, and the preservation of the fund. We are now in a position to extend aid to such of our graduates as may require help, and are deserving of assistance. This fact should be borne in mind by the benevolent public who are sometimes appealed to by persons representing themselves as graduates of this Institution, who solicit contributions for the purchase of tools and materials to start them in life, and who rely upon the inexhaustible fund of human sympathy to thus eke out a livelihood. Indiscriminate aid to undeserving persons of this character is injurious to the industrial blind, since it creates a false impression of a worthy class; while the recipients are encouraged to continue a practise at once pernicious in its influences and demoralizing in its effects. In the interests of the industrial blind I would respectfully ask our many friends to remember that we are now in a position to help all of our graduates requiring implements, and therefore no deserving individual among them need apply for private aid.

## CHANGE OF NAME.

The corporate name of the Institution has at length been changed to one which more fully designates its purpose, and which at once places it upon a footing with the other educational institutions of the Province. By an act of the Provincial Legislature of Nova Scotia, the name of the "Halifax Asylum for the Blind" has been changed to that of the "Halifax School for the Blind." We feel certain that the public will in time recognize the advisability of this alteration, and will give to the institution its proper corporate name.

## FINANCIAL CONDITION.

Our wants are many, but at the present time their enumeration would yield but little satisfaction. When I say that we are doing more in educating the blind, for the means at our command, than any similar school upon the continent, I am simply stating an incontrovertible fact ; but if I were to admit the whole truth, I should be obliged to confess that our annual income, though administered with the most rigid economy, is not sufficient to maintain the several departments of the Institution in their present state of efficiency. At the present time your Board receive a per capitem grant from the several Provincial Governments equivalent to a little less than two-thirds of the yearly cost per pupil. This is, however, without taking into account the interest upon the capital invested in our buildings, school equipments, &c. The balance is partially made up by the interest upon invested legacies and private contributions, leaving a deficit of from \$20 to \$30 per pupil, which, with our present number of pupils is equivalent to \$500 per annum. An addition of \$15 per pupil, to both the Government and Municipal grants, would place us in a position to successfully carry on the work in which we are engaged. I feel certain that if a full statement of our finances were laid before the Government by your Board, we would find on the part of its members a willingness to render the Institution all the assistance that lay in their power. Our balance sheet would have shewn a still larger deficit were it not that in answer to an appeal, many of the country churches took up a special collection on Thanksgiving day. The monies thus contributed amounting to \$146.00.

Our thanks are due to the clergy and congregations of the several churches throughout the Provinces, who thus testified their interest in the welfare of the Institution.

In conclusion, gentlemen, I beg to thank you for the deference and consideration which you have always accorded to any propositions that I have laid before you, and to express the hope that before the close of another year our financial condition will have so improved that you will be relieved from the worry and anxiety consequent upon the want of funds.

Yours respectfully,

C. F. FRASER.

## SCHOOL RECORD.

Number of school days in the term, 240. Possible number of marks to be obtained in the Literary or Musical department, or for deportment, 1000.

| NAMES OF PUPILS.        |                                                | Attendance. | School. | Music. | Deportment. |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------|--------|-------------|
| <i>Senior Division.</i> |                                                |             |         |        |             |
| 1.                      | Minnie Corbin, Chester, Lunenburg Co.....      | 233         | 854     | 984    | 923         |
| 2.                      | Maggie Duke, Richibucto, N. B.....             | 240         | 941     | 980    | 1000        |
| 3.                      | Mary Elwood, Halifax, N. S. ....               | 229         | 850     | 871    | 1000        |
| 4.                      | Isabella Staten, Foreston, Carleton, N. B..... | 219         | 792     | 824    | 937         |
| 5.                      | James Butler, Barrington, N. S. ....           | 223         | 805     | 844    | 934         |
| 6.                      | Charles Cole, Fredrickton, N. B. ....          | 240         | 805     | 844    | 947         |
| 7.                      | William Collins, St. John, N. B.....           | 235         | 811     | 891    | 920         |
| 8.                      | Martin Fletcher, De-Bert River N. S.....       | 234         | 891     | 874    | 932         |
| 9.                      | Amos McNiel, Alberton, P. E. I. ....           | 236         | 896     | 903    | 920         |
| 10.                     | Simon Merry, Maitland, Annapolis Co.....       | 240         | 896     | 987    | 952         |
| 11.                     | Murdock Morrison, Stellarton, N. S.....        | 239         | 824     | 739    | 913         |
| 12.                     | William Malone, Pubnico, N. S.....             | 231         | 824     | 739    | 976         |
| 13.                     | Robert Newcombe, Cornwallis, N. S.....         | 239         | 865     | 739    | 964         |
| 14.                     | John Rafuse, Chester, N. S.....                | 286         | 857     | 933    | 916         |
| 15.                     | George Theakeston, Halifax, N. S.....          | 239         | 917     | 871    | 899         |
| 16.                     | Montague Warren, Montague Bridge, P. E. I..... | 240         | 896     | 890    | 899         |
| <i>Junior Division.</i> |                                                |             |         |        |             |
| 17.                     | Phoebe Armstrong, Kempt, Hants, N. S.....      | 240         | 585     | 560    | 996         |
| 18.                     | Janie Gillis, Antigonish, N. S.....            | 230         | 795     | 860    | 1000        |
| 19.                     | Maggie Newcombe, Shoal Bay, N. S.....          | 234         | 526     | 888    | 920         |
| 20.                     | Hattie Smith, Walton, N. S.....                | 240         | 667     | 545    | 1000        |
| 21.                     | Agnes Valley, Chatham, N. B.: ....             | 240         | 786     | 840    | 913         |
| 22.                     | John A. Dunn, Advocate Harbour, N. S.....      | 207         | 620     | 610    | 972         |
| 23.                     | Stephen Harivel, Stellarton, N. S.....         | 234         | 647     | 666    | 968         |
| 24.                     | John Hawbolt, Marie Joseph, N. S.....          | 213         | 705     | 725    | 970         |
| 25.                     | Albert Mellish, Moncton, N. B.....             | 94          | 321     | 270    | 981         |

### PUPILS ENTERED DURING THE YEAR.

Miss Bertha Hall, Lawrencetown, Annapolis Co., N. S.  
Miss Alice Gammon, Canso, Guysboro Co., N. S.  
Ainslie Shaw, Musquodoboit, Halifax Co., N. S.

ADULT WORKMEN.

William Cook, Portland, N. B.

GRADUATED OR REMAINED AT HOME.

- Sydney McDonald, New Glasgow, N. S.
- William Malone, Pubnico, Yarmouth Co., N. S.
- Albert Mellish, Moncton, N. B.

PRIZES.

LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

*Senior Division.*

- 1st Prize*—Maggie Duke, Richibucto, N. B.
- 2nd Prize*—George Theakeston, Halifax, N. S.

*Junior Division.*

- 1st Prize*—Maggie Newcombe, Shoal Bay, N. S.
- 2nd Prize*—Jane Gillis, Antigonish, N. S.

MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

- 1st Prize*—Simon Merry.
- 2nd Prize*—Minetta Corbin.

BOYS WORK DEPARTMENT.

*Divided Prizes*—William Malone and Charles Cole.

## WALKING CLUBS.

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We have in the School four walking clubs, two formed of girls and two of boys. Each club consists of four members; each member of a girl's club is expected to walk three miles a day, or eighteen miles a week; each member of a boy's club walking five miles a day or thirty miles per week.

The following will show the distance walked by each club, as well as the distances walked by each individual member:—

### FIRST CLUB.

|                       | No. of miles.         |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Maggie Duke .....     | 108                   |
| Jane Gillis .....     | 108                   |
| Maggie Newcombe ..... | 108                   |
| Agnes Valley .....    | 108—Total, 432 miles. |

### SECOND CLUB.

|                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Minnie Corbin.....  | 108                   |
| Isabel Staten ..... | 108                   |
| Hattie Smith .....  | 108                   |
| Mary Elwood .....   | 108—Total, 432 miles. |

### THIRD CLUB.

|                        |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| George Theakston ..... | 180                   |
| Montie Warren .....    | 180                   |
| Amos McNeil .....      | 180                   |
| John Hawbolt .....     | 180—Total, 720 miles. |

### FOURTH CLUB.

|                        |      |                    |
|------------------------|------|--------------------|
| Martin Fletcher .....  | 135  |                    |
| Stephen Harivel .....  | 155  |                    |
| Murdock Morrison ..... | 155  |                    |
| John A. Dunn.....      | 155  | —Total, 600 miles. |
| Grand Total.....       | 2280 | miles.             |

Prizes divided between the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Clubs.

Dr. Cr.  
Halifax School for the Blind in acct. with E. D. MEYNELL, Treasurer.

| 1883.      |                                                                               | 1884.      |                                      |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|
| <i>Dr.</i> |                                                                               | <i>Cr.</i> |                                      |
| Dec. 8.    | To balance due Bank of Nova Scotia . . . . .                                  | Dec. 13.   | By Interests and Dividends . . . . . |
|            | \$ 679 37                                                                     |            | \$1301 98                            |
| 1884.      |                                                                               |            | 88 67                                |
| Dec. 13.   | To paid House Expenses—including Salaries<br>to Steward, Matron and Servants. |            | 265 58                               |
|            | 3039 72                                                                       |            |                                      |
|            | Salaries to Superintendent and                                                |            |                                      |
|            | Teachers . . . . .                                                            |            | 1160 00                              |
|            | Repairs and alterations of building.                                          |            | 192 29                               |
|            | Grounds . . . . .                                                             |            | 45 50                                |
|            | Printing, stationery and postage . . .                                        |            | 66 67                                |
|            | Instructions in Singing and Musical Instruments . . . . .                     |            | 74 97                                |
|            | Prizes . . . . .                                                              |            | 18 00                                |
|            | Sundries . . . . .                                                            |            | 103 01                               |
|            | Materials for manufacture in workshop . . . . .                               |            | 176 57                               |
|            | <u>\$3556 13</u>                                                              |            |                                      |
|            | To unpaid bills . . . . .                                                     |            | 8392 50                              |

Examined and found correct.  
W. H. NEAL, }  
GEO. THOMSON, } *Auditors.*

E. & O. F.  
E. D. MEYNELL,  
*Treasurer.*  
Halifax, 13th Dec., 1884.

## PATRONS.

BY-LAWS, ART. 2.—The payment of five hundred dollars at one time shall constitute a Patron of the Institution.

WILLIAM CUNARD, Esq.

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## LIFE MEMBERS.

BY-LAWS, ART. 2.—Donors of fifty dollars at one time, and members who have served the office of Manager not less than three consecutive years, shall be constituted life members of the Association.

Sir Edward Kenny.  
His Lordship Bishop Binney.  
Sir William Young.  
W. J. Stairs.  
J. Duffus.  
William Hare.  
Edward Albro.  
Hon. J. W. Ritchie.  
Hon. D. McN. Parker.  
John Doull.  
John Stairs.  
Adam Burns.  
Wm. Esson.  
J. B. Bland.  
John Bauld.  
John Gibson.  
James Scott.  
Daniel Cronan.  
J. Seeton.  
R. B. Seeton.  
James F. Avery.  
G. C. Harvey.  
Geo. H. Starr.  
W. C. Silver.  
Stephen Tobin.  
Thos. A. Brown.  
W. Compton.  
Hon. S. L. Shannon.  
E. J. Lordly.  
W. H. Stimpson.  
John Farquharson.  
John H. Symons.

Jairus Hart.  
Chas. Cogswell, M. D.  
B. D. Fraser, Esq., M. D.  
S. A. White.  
George Esson.  
Chas. Robson.  
F. W. Chipman.  
W. H. Neal.  
John Silver.  
John S. Maclean.  
W. Fraser.  
H. N. Paint.  
P. Lynch.  
T. V. Woolrich.  
W. H. Newman.  
J. B. Elliot.  
W. H. Creighton.  
J. T. Everett.  
D. Falconer.  
H. P. Burton.  
Capt. Lowry, 47th Regt.  
Hon. John Boyd.  
George Thomson.  
M. H. Richey.  
J. C. Mackintosh.  
M. A. Buckley.  
James R. Lithgow.  
Sir Patrick McDougall, K. C. B.  
Lt. Thos. A. W. Cochrane, R. N.  
George Mitchell.  
H. H. Fuller

## MEMBERS.

By LAWS, ART. 2. —Any subscriber to the funds of the Institution to the amount of five dollars or upwards, may be constituted a member, on motion of a member of the Board of Managers, at one of their regular monthly meetings, and so continue during the annual payment of five dollars.

Hon. L. E. Baker.  
Dr. A. P. Reid.  
Mrs. E. Binney.  
Miss C. H. Black.  
Mrs. L. A. Wilmot.  
Mrs. B. Barnes.

Mrs. Northup.  
James Farquhar.  
Sir. H. W. Hoyles.  
Hon. S. Creelman.  
Mrs. W. S. Sterling.  
G. H. Perkins.

## LEGACIES.

|                              |          |                           |          |
|------------------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|
| 1871—Jane Molloy.....        | \$ 88 87 | 1880—Mrs. Williamson..... | \$200 00 |
| 1872—Robt Noble.....         | 100 00   | G. Frieze.....            | 100 00   |
| 1874—R. Purvis.....          | 100 00   | Ann Wilson.....           | 100 00   |
| 1875—Jas. McDonald.....      | 150 00   | 1881—Ann Hunter.....      | 20 00    |
| 1876—Miss Jane M. Tonge..... | 20 00    | 1882—John Saunders.....   | 416 36   |
| 1876—N. L. West.....         | 800 00   | John King.....            | 600 00   |
| 1877—J. M. Walker.....       | 500 00   | W. P. West.....           | 1000 00  |
| 1878—W. L. Black.....        | 250 00   | 1883—Jos. Hart.....       | 100 00   |
| 1879—Chas. Roche.....        | 100 00   | Mrs. G. Dunn.....         | 40 00    |
| 1879—Miss Service.....       | 400 00   | 1884—Hugh Elliot.....     | 100 00   |
|                              |          | Alex. McLeod.....         | 100 00   |

## FORM OF LEGACY.

I hereby give and bequeath to "the Halifax School for the Blind," Halifax, Nova Scotia, and their successors, forever, (if real estate) all that, etc., (if personal), the sum of etc., to be used for the general purposes of the Institution.

## DONATIONS.

|                                   |       |                                  |         |
|-----------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------|---------|
| Mrs. Lawrence, Margaree, C. B. \$ | 2 00  | Mrs. B. Barnes, Sackville, N. B. | \$ 5 00 |
| Mrs. Northup.....                 | 10 00 | Mrs. W. S. Sterling.....         | 4 00    |
| Jas. Farquhar.....                | 5 00  | Jos. Creighton, Lunenburg....    | 2 00    |
| Sir H. W. Hoyles.....             | 5 00  | H. H. Fuller.....                | 5 00    |
| Mrs. Ed. Binney.....              | 10 00 | G. H. Perkins.....               | 5 00    |
| Sir William Young.....            | 20 00 |                                  |         |
| A. P. Reid, M. D.....             | 5 00  |                                  |         |
| Mrs. C. C. Blackadar.....         | 2 00  |                                  |         |

## THANKSGIVING COLLECTIONS, ETC., 1884.

|                                                                                    |         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Port Medway and Mill Village Methodist Church, per Rev. A. Hoskins .....           | \$ 3 00 |
| Shelburne Methodist Church, per Rev. S. G. Bignay .....                            | 2 12    |
| Bridgeville, Pictou, Presbyterian Church, per Rev. W. McMillan .....               | 1 00    |
| Spring Hill Mines " " " " Ebez. England .....                                      | 3 00    |
| Guysboro' Methodist Church, per Rev. W. Purvis .....                               | 4 26    |
| Hampton, N. B., per Rev. D. D. Morse .....                                         | 1 25    |
| Scotsburn, Pictou, Presbyterian Church, per Rev. J. W. Fraser .....                | 6 00    |
| Wolfville Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, per Rev. J. S. Morse ..... | 7 50    |
| Pownal, P. E. Island, Methodist Church, per Rev. Geo. Harrison .....               | 3 00    |
| Richibucto, N. B., per Rev. F. A. Almon .....                                      | 2 37    |
| Baddeck and Forks, C. B., Presbyterian Church, per Rev. K. McKenzie .....          | 6 82    |
| Lower Stewiacke, Church of England, per Rev. J. C. Cox .....                       | 2 68    |
| Bridgewater, Lunenburg, per Rev. W. Warren .....                                   | 1 07    |
| Cow Bay, C. B., Church of England, per Rev. W. J. Lockyer .....                    | 7 50    |
| Centreville, Bedeque, P. E. I., Methodist Church, per Rev. Jos. Pascoe .....       | 5 00    |
| Somerville, Kempt, Hants, Baptist Church, per Rev. J. A. Weathers .....            | 5 50    |
| Noel, Hants Co., Presbyterian Church, per Rev. W. O'Bryan .....                    | 5 75    |
| Burlington, Amnapolis, Methodist Church, per Rev. T. D. Hoyt .....                 | 2 00    |
| Shubenacadie Presbyterian Church, per Rev. M. G. Henry .....                       | 7 00    |
| River John Presbyterian Church, per G. Gordon, Secretary .....                     | 3 50    |
| Lake Ainslie, C. B., Presbyterian Church, per Rev. A. Grant ..                     | 2 00    |
| Tangier, Church of England, per Rev. E. H. Ball .....                              | 5 60    |
| Brighton, Digby Co., per Rev. W. Rice .....                                        | 2 00    |
| River Philip, Methodist Church, per Rev. John Craig .....                          | 1 22    |
| Truro, Church of England, per Rev W. H. Tremaine .....                             | 13 00   |
| Mount Stewart, P. E. I., Methodist Church, per Rev. E. Bell .....                  | 2 00    |
| Hopewell, Pictou, Presbyterian Church, per Rev. P. G. McGregor .....               | 9 00    |
| Shediac, N. B., Presbyterian Church, per Rev. P. G. McGregor .....                 | 7 00    |
| Noel, Hants Co., Congregational Church, per Rev. J. W. Cox .....                   | 2 00    |
| Windsor, Hants Co., Baptist, per Rev. A. P. Shand .....                            | 4 10    |
| A Friend .....                                                                     | 1 76    |

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 \$135 00

# COLLECTIONS FOR THE LOAN FUND.

## *Musquodoboit, per Miss Mary Tupper.*

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| Rev. E. S. Bayne   | \$ 1 00 |
| Isabelle Bayne     | 25      |
| Robert A. Logan    | 50      |
| John D. Tupper     | 1 00    |
| Walter McCurdy     | 50      |
| Thompson Bell      | 25      |
| A Friend           | 50      |
| "                  | 50      |
| "                  | 25      |
| "                  | 50      |
| Mrs. Harrison      | 50      |
| John McBain        | 50      |
| John Shaw          | 1 00    |
| Robert McFatridge  | 50      |
| P. R. Clark        | 25      |
| Mrs. Barbara Logan | 25      |
| Malcolm Logan      | 25      |
| William G. Cole    | 50      |
| W. J. McMullin     | 25      |
| William Fox        | 50      |
| Mrs. James Scott   | 25      |
| M. J. Archibald    | 25      |
| Adam Archibald     | 25      |
| Alexander J. Reid  | 25      |
| Mary McCurdy       | 25      |
| A Friend           | 16      |

\$11 25

## *Acadia Mines, per Miss M. Jones.*

|                  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| G. Jamme         | \$ 1 00 |
| G. Romans        | 50      |
| Thomas Smith     | 50      |
| K. M. Salomon    | 50      |
| E. Walsh         | 1 00    |
| George L. Tupper | 50      |
| Arch Muir        | 50      |
| H. D. Atkins     | 50      |
| G. E. Seinh      | 50      |
| James G. Blaike  | 50      |
| P. O'Neil        | 50      |
| A. B. Schurman   | 50      |
| W. C. Gmain      | 25      |
| F. A. S          | 50      |
| Mary Hop Along   | 50      |
| J. B. Mack       | 50      |
| J. D. Hattie     | 50      |
| John Nuihart     | 50      |
| Henry Appleton   | 50      |
| Thomas Thomas    | 50      |
| John Livingston  | 50      |
| William Walsh    | 25      |
| John Maheen      | 50      |
| Miss McInnis     | 50      |

\$13 00

## *Wolfville, per Miss L. C. Halliburton.*

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| A Friend          | \$ 25 |
| James Scott, Esq. | 1 00  |
| J. S. M.          | 25    |
| Rupert Pratt      | 50    |
| G. H. Wallace     | 25    |
| Mrs. Scott        | 50    |
| J. W. Wallace     | 25    |
| George R. Johnson | 25    |
| J. W. Barss       | 1 00  |
| J. O. P.          | 25    |
| J. W. Bigelow     | 1 00  |
| Mrs. F. Brown     | 50    |
| George V. Rand    | 50    |
| J. F. Tuffts      | 50    |
| James Cooks       | 1 00  |
| G. S. Hubbard     | 50    |
| A. Martin         | 25    |
| "Me"              | 25    |
| J. A. Huggins     | 50    |
| John Shaw         | 25    |

\$10 25

## *Bailedeck, per Miss Flora Campbell.*

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| Mrs. C. J. Campbell | \$ 50 |
| Mrs. J. S. McLean   | 50    |
| J. J. McCabe        | 50    |
| *J. E. Chan plain   | 50    |
| M. H. McKenzie      | 1 00  |
| J. J. Moffatt       | 1 00  |
| D. F. McRae         | 1 00  |
| D. M. McCurdy       | 1 00  |
| *W. F. Belong       | 1 00  |
| Miss Campbell       | 50    |
| Charles M. Lorway   | 1 00  |
| A. J. Hart          | 1 00  |
| Arthur W. McCurdy   | 1 00  |
| L. Sharling         | 1 00  |
| Patrick Keily       | 25    |
| Janet Jones         | 20    |

\$12 45

## *Truro, per Miss Fanny Yvill.*

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| William Cummings  | \$ 2 00 |
| J. F. Blanchard   | 2 00    |
| George Campbell   | 1 00    |
| Mrs. McCulloch    | 1 00    |
| H. L. Atkins      | 50      |
| John Connors      | 50      |
| Charles P. Morgan | 50      |
| Friends           | 50      |
| F. A. Lawrence    | 1 00    |
| J. K. Blair       | 1 00    |
| Thomas McRay      | 1 00    |

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Hugh McKenzie.....   | 50      |
| H. Y. Loughhead..... | 50      |
| Henry Lawrence.....  | 50      |
| Miss Yuill.....      | 50      |
|                      | <hr/>   |
|                      | \$13 00 |

*Sydney Mines, per Miss L. Johnson*

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| R. H. Brown.....        | \$ 4 00 |
| J. H. Sutherland.....   | 3 00    |
| Roderick McDonald.....  | 50      |
| C. F. Hall.....         | 2 00    |
| *Robert Belloni.....    | 2 50    |
| David McKeen.....       | 5 00    |
| R. S. Ridge.....        | 1 00    |
| C. E. Rees.....         | 1 00    |
| Rev. D. McMillan.....   | 1 00    |
| Dr. E. J. Johnston..... | 1 00    |
| A. Belloni.....         | 2 50    |
| Dr. L. S. Johnston..... | 1 50    |
|                         | <hr/>   |
|                         | \$25 00 |

*Per Miss Carrie Carnichael.*

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Misses Carnichael.....   | \$10 00 |
| Miss Laura McGregor..... | 1 00    |
| " Maggie McGregor.....   | 1 00    |
| " Miss Jno. McKeen.....  | 1 00    |
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|                          | \$13 00 |

*North Sydney, per Miss Plant.*

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| F. D. Archibald..... | \$ 2 00 |
| A Friend.....        | 25      |
| W.....               | 1 00    |
| G. S. Brown.....     | 1 00    |
| Isaac Murray.....    | 1 00    |
|                      | <hr/>   |
|                      | \$5 25  |

*Sherbrooke, per Miss Isabel McDonald.*

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| A Friend.....           | \$ 2 50 |
| J. A. McDonald.....     | 50      |
| .....                   | 50      |
| .....                   | 50      |
| O. W. McDonald.....     | 50      |
| *McDonald Brothers..... | 50      |
| .....                   | 25      |
| D. McLenn.....          | 50      |
| Mrs. Hattie.....        | 50      |
| E. Dickson.....         | 25      |
| A. Dechman.....         | 25      |
| A. McDonald.....        | 50      |
| Capt. W. Murdock.....   | 25      |
| Mrs. J. Fraser.....     | 25      |
| Cummuiger Brothers..... | 1 00    |
| Donald McDonald.....    | 50      |

|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| Kate McDonald.....     | 50      |
| A. G. Cameron.....     | 1 00    |
| Angus Cameron.....     | 50      |
| *W. Mc.....            | 50      |
| P. S. Perrior.....     | 50      |
| David Archibald.....   | 25      |
| Mrs. C. McIntosh.....  | 25      |
| George Archibald.....  | 25      |
| .....                  | 25      |
| .....                  | 25      |
| Kate Fraser.....       | 25      |
| Arabella McDonald..... | 50      |
|                        | <hr/>   |
|                        | \$14 25 |

*Charlottetown, per Miss Minnie Palmer.*

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Rev. G. W. Hodgson.....      | \$ 2 50  |
| Miss Hensley.....            | 1 00     |
| Mrs. F. DeC. Brecken.....    | 60       |
| Charles Palmer.....          | 2 00     |
| Mrs. E. Bayfield.....        | 00       |
| " T. Dodd.....               | 00       |
| " Bayfield.....              | 1 00     |
| " Peters.....                | 2 00     |
| Dr. F. B. Beer.....          | 1 50     |
| Miss Reayden.....            | 1 00     |
| Mrs. Malcolm McLeod.....     | 2 00     |
| A Friend.....                | 25       |
| The Lieutenant Governor..... | 5 00     |
| Miss Minnie Palmer.....      | 1 00     |
| .....                        | 15       |
|                              | <hr/>    |
|                              | \$ 20 00 |

*Richibucto, per Miss McMinn.*

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Peter.....          | \$ 50   |
| A Friend.....       | 50      |
| ".....              | 25      |
| *J. & W. Benis..... | 1 00    |
| E. P.....           | 50      |
| A. B. C.....        | 50      |
| Nova Scotia.....    | 50      |
| John Ross.....      | 25      |
| *Poot.....          | 50      |
|                     | <hr/>   |
|                     | \$ 4 50 |

*Maitland, per Miss Fannie Cochran.*

|                                |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Miss Fannie Cochran.....       | \$12 25 |
| A. M. McDougall, Pugwash.....  | \$ 1 00 |
| J. W. Mack, Mill Village.....  | 1 00    |
| Charles Mitchell, Halifax..... | 2 00    |
| No. 255.....                   | 1 00    |
| G. Lavers.....                 | 1 00    |
| C. Burrill, Weymouth.....      | 10 00   |

\*Doubtful names.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
Halifax School for the Blind.  
—  
CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Association shall, conformably to the Amended Act of Incorporation, 30 Victoria, C. 50, be styled, "THE HALIFAX SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND."

ARTICLE II.—MEMBERSHIP.

All original subscribers to the fund for erecting the Asylum for the Blind within the City of Halifax shall be and continue members of this Association so long as they contribute the sum of one dollar or upwards to the support of the Institution.

Any subscriber to the funds of the Institution to the amount of five dollars or upwards may be constituted a member of the Board of Managers at one of their regular monthly meetings, and so continue during his annual payment of five dollars.

Donors of fifty dollars at one time, and members who have served the office of Manager not less than three consecutive years, shall thereby be constituted life members of the Association.

Payment of five hundred dollars at one time shall constitute a patron of the Association.

Patrons and Members shall have the right of voting at the annual election of Managers, and shall themselves be eligible.

ARTICLE III.—MANAGEMENT.

The management of the Institution shall be entrusted to a Board of twelve members, who shall choose from their own number a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary.

An annual meeting for the election of the Board of Management shall be held on such day of the second week of the last month of the year as the Board of Managers may appoint, due notice thereof being given in two at least of the Halifax newspapers. Any number of persons present in a half-hour from the time named in such notice shall be a quorum for the election of Managers, and the transaction of any business to be passed upon at such annual meeting; but any five members then present may, if they shall deem the business to require it, demand an adjournment to

some other day or hour within one week therefrom, and the same shall stand adjourned accordingly, and the business so postponed shall at first adjourned meeting be first taken up and finally disposed of.

If for any reason the election of Managers be, pursuant to the foregoing provision or otherwise, postponed, the Managers of the preceding year shall hold office until the new Board be elected.

The Board of Managers shall have power to supply vacancies occurring therein between the periods of the annual elections.

At the annual meeting the votes shall be taken by ballot, and the first twelve persons named on a list made in the order of the number of votes given for them respectively, beginning with the largest number of votes and so on to the least, shall constitute the Board of Managers.

#### ARTICLE IV.—BY-LAWS, &C.

The power of making, amending and repealing by-laws, and regulations for their own guidance and the government of the Institution, and the appointment and removal of all officers, and regarding salaries and allowances, is vested in the Board of Management, but no by-law once passed shall be altered or repealed except on a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board present at a regular monthly meeting thereof, and after notice of such alteration or repeal given at next preceding monthly meeting.

#### ARTICLE V.—AMENDMENTS.

The foregoing articles, together with the provisions contained in the Act of Incorporation, are declared to be the Constitution of the "Halifax School for the Blind," and no alteration shall be made therein except by a vote of two-thirds of the persons present at an annual meeting of the Corporation upon the recommendation of the Board of Managers, of which at least one month's notice in writing shall have been given to the Patrons and Members individually, by letter addressed to the Patron or Member, and mailed at Halifax, or left at his place of business or abode.

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## BY-LAWS.

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### BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETINGS.

#### I.—STATED MEETINGS.

The Board shall hold a stated meeting at the Institution on the first Monday of every month, except when such Monday shall fall on a public holiday, then on the day following, and at any such hours as they may from time to time appoint.

#### II.—SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Special Meetings may be convened by request of the President or three members of the Board, the time, place, and object to be specified in such request, and inserted in the notice of meeting by the Secretary.

At least twenty four hours notice of special meeting shall be given, and no business other than that specified in the notice shall be transacted.

## III.—QUORUM

Five of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

## IV.—PRESIDING OFFICER.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board at which he may be present, and shall be *ex officio* member of all standing committees. In his absence the Vice President shall represent him, as well on standing committees as at the Board. In the absence of both President and Vice President from any meeting of the Board, the chair shall be taken by the first named on the list of Managers present at the hour for commencing business.

## V.—COMMITTEES

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Board of Managers at the first meeting in each year:—

(1) *Finance*—

A Committee of Finance, consisting of the President, Treasurer and four members of the Board, whose duty it shall be to devise and recommend ways and means for securing and preserving the financial prosperity of the Institution, to examine and certify the correctness of the Treasurer's annual report, and at the end of every year prepare and submit a full and clear report of the financial condition of the Institution.

Every Standing Committee shall from time to time furnish the Committee of Finance with such information as they may require, and particularly before the close of every year with a full inventory of all the property in their respective departments.

(2) *Instruction*—

A Committee of Instruction, consisting of four members of the Board, who shall have supervision of the Educational Department, and shall enquire from time to time into the methods pursued in the instruction of the blind in other places.

(3) *Manufactures*—

A Committee of three on Manufactures to supervise the Manufacturing Department, supply that Department with raw material, and dispose of the articles manufactured.

(4) *House*—

A House Committee on supplies, repairs and improvements, to have supervision of all matters connected with the supply of provisions, clothing and other necessaries; the regulation of the domestic arrangements of the Institution, and care of the building and grounds.

(5) *General Duties*—

Each Standing Committee shall visit the Institution at least once a month and arrange for one of their number to do so weekly. They shall have the entire and conclusive control, subject only to the full Board, over the department allotted to them; shall keep a book at the Institution, in which all their proceedings shall be entered, and especially all requisitions, instructions and orders given to the Superintendent or other officers shall be clearly set down therein, for the prevention of any misunderstanding regarding the same. The Chairman shall be bound to see that the duties of his committee are in every respect fully performed, and shall furnish the Board whenever required with the minutes of their proceedings, and all other information required.

## VI.—DUTIES OF THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds and securities belonging to the Institution and shall be *ex officio* a member of the Committee of Finance; shall deposit all moneys of the Institution, on receipt, in some Bank approved by the Managers, to the Credit of the Institution and pay by cheques drawn thereon all bills certified by the chairman of any Standing Committee. He shall present at every stated meeting in each year a full report for the year, and in such form as the Board may prescribe.

## VII.—DUTIES OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The corresponding Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Institution and submit the same at each stated meeting of the Board. He shall file at the Institution all letters received by him or the Board, and copies of all letters written by him, and keep the same under his charge for the exclusive use of the Board.

## VII.—DUTIES OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Board, and enter the same in a Book of Minutes; shall prepare and issue all notices required in conducting the business of the Institution; and communicate all resolutions of the Board to the Committee or officer affected thereby.

He shall have the custody of the seal, and use the same only as directed by the Board of Managers.

He shall see that all by-laws of the Institution are properly recorded in a book kept for that purpose, shall file at the Institution all reports and papers submitted to the Board or placed in his custody, and safely keep them for the exclusive use of the Board.

Whenever the Secretary is mentioned in any by-law, resolution or other proceedings, it shall mean the Recording Secretary.

In his absence the Manager shall appoint one of their number to act *pro tempore*.

## IX.—ADMISSION OF PUPILS.

(1) *General Terms*—

Young blind persons of good moral character between the ages of ten and twenty-one, may be admitted to the Institution in accordance with the provisions of the Acts in relation to the Education of the Blind, in Chap. 17, Act of 1832, and Amendment thereto, passed 1833, which shall entitle them to free education in the Institution. The pupils must furnish their own clothing, and pay their own fares to and from the Institution.

Their friends may visit them at reasonable times under the regulation of the Board.

(2) *Special Cases*—

The Board of Managers may receive special applications for the admission of pupils who are in indigent circumstances, and grant or refuse the same from time to time, as in their judgment may be consistent with the funds of the Institution.

(3) *Day Scholars*—

The Board may, at their discretion, receive day scholars upon such terms and conditions as they may prescribe.

(4) *Forms &c.*—

Applications for admission must be addressed to the Recording Secretary, at the Asylum, and made upon the forms and in accordance with the directions prescribed by the Board.

## AN ACT

### IN RELATION TO THE EDUCATION OF THE BLIND.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly as follows :

1. The parents or guardian of any blind person between the age of ten and twenty-one years, who has, under the provisions of Chap. 33 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 4th Series, a settlement within any County or District of the Provinces incorporated by Chap. I, Statutes of 1879, may apply to the Warden of such Municipality for an order for the admission of such person into the Halifax Asylum for the Blind, which order the said Warden shall at once grant under his hand and the Corporate Seal of the Municipality on being satisfied that such blind person is between the ages above prescribed, and has a legal settlement in the Municipality.

2. Such order shall entitle a blind person named therein to be received into the Halifax Asylum for the Blind and subject to conditions hereinafter described, to be educated and boarded therein during the school terms. Pupils under thirteen years of age when entering the school shall be entitled to remain seven years ; those entering between the ages of thirteen and seventeen shall be entitled to remain five years, and those between the ages of seventeen and twenty-one years to remain three years.

3. For every blind person received into the Halifax Asylum for the Blind, pursuant to this Act, and educated and boarded therein, the Board of Managers of the Halifax Asylum for the Blind shall be entitled to receive from the Provincial Treasury at the rate of Sixty Dollars per annum, payable half-yearly, and also to receive at the same rate from the County School Fund of the Municipality to which the said blind persons belongs. When such Municipality shall not comprise an entire County, the last-mentioned grant of Sixty Dollars shall be charged against the County School Funds of both Districts included within the County in proportion to the amounts of their respective school allowance derived from the County School Fund.

4. It shall be the duty of the Managers of the Halifax Asylum for the Blind to furnish semi-annually to the Council of Public Instruction full returns of the names, ages, residences, &c., of the pupils in respect of whom the above grants may be claimed.

5. In the semi-annual apportionment of the County School Fund the Superintendent of Education shall include the amounts due the Managers of the Halifax Asylum for the Blind, and issue drafts therefor on the Treasury of the respective Municipalities.

6. The Provincial Secretary shall be *ex officio*, a member of the Board of Managers of the Halifax Asylum for the Blind.

7. In the case of any incorporated city or town within the Province in which any such blind person as is designated in the first Section of this Act has a legal settlement, an allowance to the Board of Managers of the said Asylum of Sixty Dollars per annum may be assessed upon the inhabitants of the said city or town, in case such city or town does not contribute to or draw from the County School Fund, and in such case said sum shall be paid to the said Managers for each such blind person sent to the said Asylum, and each such blind person shall be admitted to said Asylum in the manner prescribed in the first Section of this Act, the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation exercising the powers therein conferred upon the Warden of the Municipality, and there shall be paid to the said Managers from the Provincial Treasury, for each such blind person for which such city or town contributes such allowance the sum of Sixty Dollars in like manner as is provided in the third Section of this Act.

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**AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 17, ACTS OF 1882, ENTITLED :  
"AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE EDUCATION OF  
THE BLIND."**

(Passed the 19th day of April, 1883)

Section 1. Sec. 7 repeal and clause substituted.

Be it enacted by the Governor and Assembly as follows :

1. Section 7 of Chapter 17, of the Acts of 1882, is hereby repealed and the following substituted :

In the case of any incorporated city or town within the province in which any blind person, as is designated in the first section of the act, has a legal settlement, and which city or town does not contribute to or draw from the County School Fund, there shall be paid by such city or town to the Board of Managers of the said Asylum an allowance of sixty dollars per annum, and such sum shall form part of the general assessment of such city or town for each such blind person sent to the said Asylum ; and each such blind person sent to the said Asylum shall be admitted to the said Asylum in the manner prescribed in the first section of the act hereby amended. The chief executive officer of the corporation exercising the power therein conferred upon the Warden of the municipality, and there shall be paid to the said Managers from the Provincial Treasury for each such blind person for which such city or town contributes such allowance, the sum of sixty dollars in like manner as is provided in the third section of the Act hereby amended.

## AN ACT

### TO INCORPORATE THE HALIFAX ASYLUM FOR THE BLIND.

Whereas, it has been proposed that an institution for the reception, maintenance and education of blind persons, should be established in the City of Halifax, and it is desirable that such institution should be founded and carried on by individual enterprise and voluntary association :

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows :

1. When it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the Governor-in-Council, that not less than twelve persons have associated themselves for the above object, and subscribed the sum of twelve thousand dollars, and paid thereon into the hands of the Treasurer, by them appointed, the sum of two thousand dollars, the Governor-in-Council shall, by proclamation, declare this Act to have come into operation, and thereupon immediately thereafter, such persons, and all such other persons as shall from time to time become associated with them, their successors and assigns, shall be and are hereby incorporated into a company and declared to be a body corporate by the name of the "Halifax Asylum for the Blind," and by that name shall and may have succession, and be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, defending and being defended in all courts and places whatsoever, in all manner of actions, suits, matters, complaints, and causes whatsoever, may have and use a common seal, and may change and alter the same at their pleasure, and shall be capable in law of purchasing, holding and conveying any real and personal estate for the purposes of this incorporation, and none other, which shall not exceed the annual value of ten thousand dollars.

2. For the better carrying into effect the objects of the said incorporation, there shall annually be elected twelve persons, who shall constitute a Board of Managers who shall have power to conduct and manage all its concerns, the Managers to be elected by ballot at an annual meeting of the members of the Society, to hold their offices for one year, or until others be elected in their places ; the said election to be held at such times and places as the said corporation shall by their by-laws from time to time appoint and direct ; the aforesaid Managers shall be elected by a majority of the members present at such election ; and in case of any vacancy or vacancies in the said Board of Managers, by death, resignation or otherwise, then the said Board shall have power to fill such vacancy or vacancies until the next annual election.

3. The Board of Managers shall, as soon after the annual election as shall be convenient, proceed to elect by ballot, from among their own number, a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, and two Secretaries, who shall serve for one year, or until others are elected in their room ; and the first election of Managers and Officers shall take place on a day to be fixed by the Governor-in-Council, in the proclamation aforesaid.

4. The Board of Managers, so elected as aforesaid, shall have full power to make such by-laws as from time to time may be necessary, relative to the management, disposition of the estate and concerns of the said corporation, and regulations of the persons exercising the offices aforesaid, not contrary to law, and may appoint such agents and servants as may be deemed necessary to transact the business of the said corporation, and designate their duties.

5. It shall be lawful for the City of Halifax to transfer by deed duly executed to the "Halifax Asylum for the Blind," either by way of gift or for valuable consideration, any land hereditaments now vested in the said City of Halifax, either by Act of this Province or by purchase, so that the value of such land and hereditaments shall not exceed in the whole the sum of twelve thousand dollars.

6. The Managers of the said institution shall, on or before the first day of February in each year, make a full report to the Governor-in-Council of their proceedings.

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## AN ACT TO AMEND THE ACT TO INCORPORATE THE HALIFAX ASYLUM FOR THE BLIND.

(Passed the 19th day of April, A. D. 1834.)

WHEREAS, It has been deemed advisable to change the name of the Halifax Asylum for the Blind, which was incorporated under that name by Chapter 50 of the Acts of this Province, passed in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven;

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, as follows :

1. The Halifax Asylum for the Blind shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be called and known as "The Halifax School for the Blind," which name shall be the corporate name of the Institution, and shall be used and have effect in all respects, and for all purposes as fully as if such name had been inserted in the original act of incorporation.

2. All gifts, grants, deeds, conveyances, leases, agreements, devises, bequests, contracts, payments, reckonings, dealings and transactions, to, by, with, for, or on account of the said institution before the passing of this Act, shall be, remain and continue and inure to the benefit of the said "The Halifax School for the Blind," as fully as though the name, "The Halifax School for the Blind," had been used or specified in said gifts, grants, deeds, conveyances, leases, agreements, devises, bequests, contracts, payments, reckonings, dealings and transactions.

3. The said Act, as hereby amended, shall stand and remain valid and effectual in all other respects.



